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PROPOSED DRAFT AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed February 15, 2000 in the parent application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the remarks presented below.

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows.

At page 9, line 14, please add:

-- The lubricant of the present invention can have the alkyl phosphate ester and aryl phosphate ester present in a weight to weight ratio of 1.5:1 to 10.0:1 with respect to the quaternary ammonium antimicrobial agent. In another embodiment, the lubricant can include a composition with the total weight of the alkyl phosphate ester and the aryl phosphate ester present in a weight to weight ratio of 2.0:1 to 10.0:1 with respect to quaternary ammonium antimicrobial agent. This embodiment can include a linear quaternary ammonium antimicrobial agent. This lubricant can be employed in the process of the invention.--